



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8**

1595 Wynkoop Street
DENVER, CO 80202-1129
Phone 800-227-8917
<http://www.epa.gov/region08>

February 22, 2016

Ref: 8P-AR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Record of Communication – meeting with Uintah & Ouray Business Committee

FROM: Claudia Smith
Air Program

TO: U&O FIP Consultation

This memorandum is to serve as a record of communication for a meeting that occurred between the Uintah & Ouray Business Committee and US EPA Region 8 on February 22, 2016, in person at the Office of Air and Radiation in Washington, D.C., with Region 8 and Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards staff attending via teleconference.

Attendees:

EPA
Callie Videtich, Region 8 Tribal Assistance Program Director
Alfreda Mitre, Region 8 Tribal Advisor
Carl Daly, Region 8 Air Program Director
Claudia Smith, Region 8 Air Permitting & Monitoring Unit
Jody Ostendorf, Region 8 Air Quality Planning Unit
Joe Goffman, Office of Air and Radiation
Debbie Jordan, Office of Air and Radiation
Chris Stoneman, Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards
Laura McKelvey, Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards
Pat Childers, Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards

Ute Tribe
Edred Secakuku, Vice Chairman Ute Indian Tribe
Tony Small, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe
Jeremy Patterson, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, LLP

Summary of U&O FIP Consultation

The purpose of this meeting was to follow up on previous discussions with the Tribe on a reservation-specific rulemaking to control VOC's from existing oil and gas sources on the U&O Indian Reservation.

EPA provided a brief refresher summary of the following details that had previously been discussed:

- Benefits of a reservation-specific rule or FIP,
- Estimated cost of compliance with the draft FIP, and
- The schedule for the revised ozone NAAQS and corresponding pending Uinta Basin designation, and the draft FIP schedule and effective date.

EPA and the Tribe also discussed a recent Resolution that had been adopted by the Tribe outlining the Tribe's principals, guidelines, and expectations of the EPA for implementation of a FIP.

We asked if there was additional information the Tribe would like to share or concerns that the Tribe would like to raise regarding EPA proceeding to propose the reservation-specific FIP sometime in early spring. The members of the Ute Tribe participating in the consultation did not express any concerns with EPA proceeding with the FIP and expressed support for early action. However, they said that EPA should take into consideration the details of the Tribal Resolution regarding the FIP in developing the proposed rulemaking, including working closely with the Tribe's air quality staff and developing requirements that are not overly burdensome for their industry partners. We expressed our willingness to continue to work with the Tribe and their air quality staff.

DRAFT